

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Endo-Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Endo-Roberts, Miranda, Rische, Strehler, and Chairperson Smisek.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport, and Cultural Arts Senior Supervisor Bell, and Cultural Services Program Coordinator Maddox.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Smisek offered the following correction to the May 19, 2008 meeting minutes: Page 3, Item 10, "Commissioner Strehler moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 16, 2008..."

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the May 19, 2008 Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ON-GOING BUSINESS

6A. REVIEW NON-PROFIT ART GRANT GUIDELINES

Cultural Services Manager Eve Rappoport reported that on June 10, 2008 City Council approved the Commission's recommendation for non-profit art grants. She suggested that the Grant Review Committee, consisting of Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Candioly, and Chairperson Smisek, meet later this summer to review the grant program guidelines and criteria, and then bring back its recommendations to the full Commission for its consideration. She mentioned that she attended a meeting of the

Los Angeles Funders last week and would like to share information about the Cultural Data Project with the Committee.

6B. SUMMER INTERNS

Cultural Services Manager Eve Rappoport announced two interns who will work for ten weeks during the summer—Randell Baltazar from the Getty Foundation who will assist Torrance Art Museum staff and A-lan Holt from Los Angeles County Arts Commission who will assist Torrance Theatre Company.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. ELECTION OF 2008-09 COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Cultural Services Manager Eve Rappoport advised that traditionally the Commission has elected the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson on the basis of seniority.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to elect Commissioner Strehler as Chairperson and Commissioner Miranda as Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

7B. CANCELLATION OF AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING

Following a brief discussion, it was decided to cancel the July 21, 2008 Commission meeting instead of going dark in August 2008.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved that the Cultural Arts Commission cancel the July 21, 2008 Commission meeting and adjourn to August 18, 2008. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

No report.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Commissioner Miranda volunteered to serve on the Facilities Committee with Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Strehler. Committee Chairperson Strehler suggested that the Commission tour the Cultural Arts Center facilities and it was tentatively scheduled for the beginning of the August 18, 2008 Commission meeting.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Previously discussed.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cultural Services Program Coordinator Maddox distributed Torrance Seasons and presented a report on her responsibilities the past six years that include over 200

performing arts classes, 45 instructors, and more than 2,000 students. She provided information about adult and youth dance classes and workshops, exercise and movement classes, youth gymnastics, adult and youth music classes, adult and youth fencing classes, and the home school program.

Responding to Commissioner Candioly's inquiry regarding financial scholarship opportunities, Cultural Services Manager Eve Rappoport advised that the City subsidizes youth and senior classes for Torrance residents.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport distributed the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium Reporter for May 2008 and noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for May 2008 was included in agenda packets.

10. ORALS

10A. Cultural Services Consultant Powers discussed the successful series Works in Progress that ended on May 28, 2008. He expressed his appreciation to staff for the success of Ooodles of Noodles and discussed changes in delivery this year to meet compliance with Department of Public Health requirements. He noted that there were a total of 90 volunteers, 130 performing artists, and 18 restaurants and acknowledged the involvement of Torrance Artist Guild with Ooodles of Art. He distributed fliers for Wild Wednesdays! beginning June 25, 2008 with Sean Wiggins & Lone Goat Band.

10B. Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed the Torrance Art Museum opening reception and is looking forward to "A Chorus Line" at the Ahmanson Theatre.

10C. Commissioner Bunting stated that she visited Culver City art galleries and the Huntington Museum and distributed information about artist Eric Johnson's exhibition at the San Pedro Artist Studio.

10D. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed "The Laramie Project."

10E. Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed Ooodles of Noodles as well as Gary Valenciano and Martin Nievera at the Nokia Theatre. He is looking forward to the Rotary International Convention at Los Angeles Convention Center, Asian-American performers at the Ahmanson Theatre, and a trip to Washington D.C.

10F. Commissioner Candioly stated that he enjoyed the Armed Forces Day parade, Senior Faire, Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Arts Festival, "Wicked," and the Long Beach Museum of Art.

10G. Commissioner Strehler stated that she enjoyed the last Works in Progress, the breakfast for Louis Zamperini, Ooodles of Noodles, and the Ray Bradbury lecture.

10H. Chairperson Smisek congratulated Cultural Services Consultant Powers for Works in Progress and stated that she was impressed with the acting and stage setting of "The Laramie Project."

10I. Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that she enjoyed "The Laramie Project" and Ray Bradbury's lecture.

10J. Cultural Arts Senior Supervisor Bell stated that she had the opportunity to see “The Laramie Project” and StarLight Production’s “High School Musical.” She encouraged Commissioners to attend the Summer Kick-Off for staff this weekend.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:12 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Smisek so ordered.

Approved as Submitted August 18, 2008 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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